

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Original) A nightlight and control unit comprising:
a nightlight housing including an illumination member;
a control unit associated with the nightlight housing for regulating light in a light device connectable to the control unit; and
input means for programming the control unit.

2. (Original) A nightlight and control unit as claimed in claim 1 wherein the housing comprises a dome shaped cover mounted on a flat base, the base having legs, the dome shaped cover and base defining a chamber in which the illumination member is accommodated.

3. (Original) A nightlight and control unit as claimed in claim 1 wherein the control unit is located within the housing.

4. (Original) A nightlight and control unit as claimed in claim 1 wherein the control unit is outside of the housing and electrically connected thereto.

5. (Original) A nightlight and control unit as claimed in claim 4 wherein the control unit comprises a box containing circuitry for regulating light in the light device, a light device connector means for electrically connecting the light device with the control unit, a nightlight connecting means for connecting the control unit with the nightlight, and a power cable for connecting the control unit to a power source.

6. (Original) A nightlight and control unit as claimed in claim 1 wherein the input means is located on the nightlight housing.

7. (Original) A nightlight and control unit as claimed in claim 1 wherein the input means comprises time-setting means, whereby the control unit is programmed to regulate the light device so that the light therefrom fades to off over a preselected time period.

8. (Original) A nightlight and control unit as claimed in claim 7 wherein the time-setting means comprises an annular, rotatable ring member formed on the housing, the annular rotatable ring member being slidable between a first position wherein the light on the light device is regulated to fade over a shorter period of time, and a second position wherein light from

the light device is regulated to fade over a longer period of time.

9. (Original) A nightlight and control unit as claimed in claim 7 wherein the time-setting means comprises a rotatable knob formed on the housing.

10. (Original) A nightlight and control unit as claimed in claim 7 wherein the time-setting means comprises a plurality of buttons on the surface of the housing, each button representing a time period over which the light from the light device is regulated to fade to off.

11. (Original) A nightlight and control unit as claimed in claim 10 comprising four buttons, each button regulating the light device to fade over a different time period.

12. (Original) A nightlight and control unit as claimed in claim 11 wherein the four buttons comprise a first button representing 15 minutes, a second button representing 30 minutes, a third button representing 45 minutes, and a fourth button representing 60 minutes, for regulating the light device to fade to off.

13. (Original) A nightlight and control unit as claimed in claim 1 further comprising a timer display for indicating time remaining for regulating the light in the light device.

14. (Original) A nightlight and control unit as claimed in claim 13 wherein the timer display is comprised of a LED.

15. (Original) A nightlight and control unit as claimed in claim 13 wherein the timer display is comprised of a LCD.

16. (Original) A nightlight and control unit as claimed in claim 1 wherein the illumination member is an incandescent bulb.

17. (Original) A nightlight and control unit as claimed in claim 1 wherein the illumination member is at least one light emitting diode (LED).

18. (Original) A nightlight and control unit as claimed in claim 1 further comprising adjustment means for adjusting the intensity of the illumination member.

19. (Original) A nightlight and control unit as claimed in claim 1 further comprising an on/off switch for the

illumination member.

20. (Original) A nightlight and control unit as claimed in claim 19 wherein the on/off switch is electronically operated by an ambient light detector so that the illumination member will become illuminated when ambient light conditions drop below a preset level.

21. (Original) A nightlight and control unit as claimed in claim 2 wherein the dome shaped cover is comprised of a fully or partially translucent material to permit light from the illumination member therein to be transmitted through the dome cover.

22. (Original) A nightlight and control unit as claimed in claim 1 wherein the housing includes a translucent window through which light from the illumination member can pass.

23. (Original) A nightlight and control unit as claimed in claim 22 wherein the window is formed in a base portion of the housing.

24. (Original) A nightlight and control unit as claimed in claim 1 wherein the control unit regulates light from a

plurality of light devices.

25. (Original) A nightlight and control unit as claimed in claim 24 wherein the control unit can regulate light in the plurality of light devices so as to fade to off over a different period of time for each light device.

26. (Original) A nightlight and control unit as claimed in claim 25 further comprising a selector switch for selecting separately each one of the plurality of light devices for programming.

27. (Original) A nightlight and control unit as claimed in claim 21 wherein the housing is configured in the shape selected from the group consisting of a turtle, a toy animal, a toy structure.

28. (Original) A nightlight and control unit as claimed in claim 7 further comprising an adjustment means for setting the initial light intensity of the light device prior to initiation of the fading out process.

29. (Concurrently amended) A nightlight and control unit as claimed in claim 1 wherein the input means comprises a remote

control transmitter unit, the control unit having receiving means for receiving signals from the remote control transmitter unit for programing programming the control unit.

30. (Original) A nightlight and control unit as claimed in claim 1 wherein the input means further comprises a remote control transmitter unit, the control unit having receiving means for receiving signals from the remote control transmitter unit for programming the control unit.

31. (Original) A nightlight and control unit as claimed in claim 1 wherein:

the housing comprises a dome shaped cover spring mounted on a base member,

a plunger is formed inside the dome shaped cover,

a switch mechanism connects to the control unit, the switch mechanism being activated by the plunger when the dome shaped cover is pushed against the bias of the spring mounting, a first push of the plunger causing the light device to switch on and a second push of the plunger causing the predetermined dimming sequence to begin.

32. (Original) A nightlight and control unit as claimed in claim 31 wherein a third push of the plunger causes the light

device to switch off.

33. (New) A nightlight and control unit comprising:
a nightlight housing including an illumination member;
a control unit associated with the nightlight housing for
regulating light in a light device other than the illumination
member, the light device being connectable to the control unit;
and
input means for programming the control unit.

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